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Residents Invited to Talk About Neighborhood Stormwater Problems

Metro Water Services will host a series of community forums for Davidson County residents to discuss stormwater and the department's plans to resolve neighborhood flooding problems.

The Metro Council in August approved funding for a comprehensive study that will be completed in early 2008 and include recommendations for long-term improvements to the program.

"It's time for us to meet with the community and to talk with residents about the severity of stormwater flooding, which impacts almost every neighborhood and has a dramatic impact on environmental compliance and the quality of life for our residents," said Scott Potter, director of Metro Water Services.

The meetings will involve all 35 Metro Council districts across Davidson County. Upcoming community meetings are Oct. 8, Gordon Jewish Community Center; Oct. 11, Edmondson Pike Library; Nov. 1, Inglewood Library; and Nov. 7, Looby Library.

All meetings start at 6 p.m.

"An effective stormwater program is as important to this city as trash and brush collection," says Metro Council Member Emily Evans, who represents District 23 and will be one of several Metro Council hosts of the Oct. 8 event. "After many years of neglect we have spent the past five years successfully resolving severe flood water problems that impact homes and pose tremendous safety hazards on our streets. Through these meetings we can get our arms around the extent of the problem and gain input that will improve the program in the long term."

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